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(d) the nature and qualifications of the staff employed in these schools;

(e) whether the trainees receive stipends during the period of training;

(f) why the necessity for starting these schools was felt; and

(g) whether similar schools had been started at any time in the past?

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" (a) to (g) A note[a] containing the information is laid on the table of the House."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether these clerks and village officers are trained together or separate classes are held."

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" Separate schools are held for them."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know the nature of the training given and whether any syllabus has been prepared?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" Regarding the clerks, Madam, the note furnishes details that they are trained in office routine, in accounts matters and other things in outline; regarding village officers, the hon. member may note that these schools have been closed down as they were found to be not useful."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" My submission is whether any detailed syllabus is prepared on the topics on which clerks are to be educated?"

THE HON. SRI K. R. KARANTH :—" I cannot say off-hand now."

Motor Vehicles Inspectors.

* 96 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether service rules governing the recruitment, appointment, transfer, salaries, etc., of Motor Vehicles Inspectors have been framed; and if so, what they are;

(b) who the authority competent to exercise disciplinary control, including power to transfer them is;

(c) whether there have been occasions in recent months when the intervention of Government was sought in respect of transfer of some Motor Vehicles Inspectors; and if so, whether the Government intervened and altered the orders passed by the competent authority; and

(d) if the answer to (c) is in the affirmative, whether such interference was exercised as an appellate authority or on their own volition?

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (a) Yes. Motor Vehicles Inspectors are included in class VI of the Madras General Subordinate Service. Appointments to the post are

[a] Printed as Appendix II on pages 346–347 infra.

made by direct recruitment or for special reasons, by transfer from any other class or service. The appointing authority is the Secretary, Central Road Traffic Board, and, in the City appointments are made in consultation with the Commissioner of Police.

"The qualifications of candidates for appointment for the post are—

(i) the candidate must have completed 22 years of age and must not have completed 32 years of age;

(ii) the candidate must hold a diploma in Automobile Engineering granted by the Technological Diploma Examination Board, Madras. [This qualification has preference over any other that may be considered as equivalent by the appointing authority]; and

(iii) the candidate must have held a motor driving licence and have experience in driving motor vehicles for a period of not less than three years.

"The period of probation is a total of two years on duty within a continuous period of three years.

"A probationary Motor Vehicles Inspector must pass the following tests within the period of his probation :—

(i) a test in Motor Vehicles Law;

(ii) a departmental test in the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1898, and Police Orders and Practice; and

(iii) the third class test (Viva voce—Parts A, B and D) in one of the following languages other than his mother-tongue, namely, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Kannada.

"The scale of pay of the Motor Vehicles Inspectors is Rs. 175—10—225—E.B.—10—275.

"(b) In the case of Motor Vehicles Inspectors in the mufassal, the Regional Transport Officer can award censure and the Secretary, Central Road Traffic Board, the punishments of withholding of increment or promotion, reduction to a lower rank or to a lower post or time scale, recovery from pay of any pecuniary loss caused to Government by negligence or breach of orders and suspension. In the case of Motor Vehicles Inspectors in the City, the authority who can award censure is the Deputy Commissioner of Police, Traffic and Licensing and for the other punishments referred to, the competent authority is the Commissioner of Police. The authority competent to order compulsory retirement or removal or dismissal from service is the Secretary, Central Road Traffic Board, in both cases.

"The power to transfer motor vehicles inspectors rests with the appointing authority, and also with any authority to whom the appointing authority is administratively subordinate.

"(c) & (d) There has been no occasion recently when the intervention of the Government was sought in respect of

transfer of motor vehicles inspectors; but the Government have of their own accord altered the postings ordered by the appointing authority in one case."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know which is the case in which the Government interfered with the posting of a motor vehicle inspector?"

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" In the case of one Motor Vehicle Inspector named Mr. Srinivasan, against whom there was a case of corruption. He was transferred, and one Sankara Raju has already been posted there."

Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores.

* 97 Q.—SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Motor Transport and Food be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Chingleput Wholesale Co-operative Stores are the sole agents for importing and clearing foodgrains from and out of the Province;

(b) whether they are also the distributing agents of imported foodgrains for the Chingleput district;

(c) whether it is a fact that the orders issued by the Rationing department for the supply to the wholesalers are not fully honoured;

(d) whether it is a fact that at Kelampakkam stores in the Chingleput taluk, the storekeeper has delivered only 15 bags of rice for an order for 50 bags of rice;

(e) whether the Deputy Commissioner of Civil Supplies and District Supply Officer and District Rationing Officer of Chingleput district had to run up to the place to investigate into the matter;

(f) what is the result of their investigations and what action the Government propose to take;

(g) whether it is a fact that there are several similar instances in other parts of rationed area;

(h) whether as a consequence retail ration shops in Mangadu, Kunnathur and Kovvur areas had to be closed for a number of days and the consumers of those areas had to go without their meagre ration; and

(i) whether the Government propose to make a thorough enquiry into the matter and do the needful?

THE HON. SRI R. RAGHAVA MENON :—" (a) The Chingleput District Co-operative Wholesale Stores are Collector's agents for clearing the imported grains such as wheat, maize, overseas paddy and rice allotted to this district and arriving at Madras Harbour. As regards paddy and rice, that are allotted to this district from other districts in this Province and from other Provinces, the Chingleput District Wholesale Co-operative Stores are one of the many quota-holders. They are not the sole importers.